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**PATENT APPLICATION**

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For: METHOD AND CONFIGURABLE MODEL FOR STORING HIERARCHICAL DATA  
IN A NON-HIERARCHICAL DATA REPOSITORY

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 18, 2004, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

**REMARKS**

This Response, submitted in reply to the Office Action dated October 18, 2004, is believed to be fully responsive to each point of rejection raised therein. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-45 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-2, 6-8, 13-15, 16-17, 21-26, 28-30, 31-32, 36-41, 43-45 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,006,242 to Poole *et al.* ("Poole"). Claims 5, 20, 35, 3, 18, 33, 4, 19, 34, 12, 27,